THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) During the period of first six months of 1988, 1272 persons were killed in incidents due to terrorist activities. 169 terrorists were killed in encounters with security forces, 12 terrorists were killed otherwise and 54 Pakistani Nationals were killed on Punjab border during the same period. 2168 terrorists were apprehended in this period.

62 policemen were killed during the above period. Information regarding the leaders of political parties and various organisations killed is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Rise in Wholesale Price Index and Price Index

780. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the comparative percentage of rise in wholesale price index (WPI) and consumer price index (CPI) from January to March, 1988 and from April 1988 till date;

(b) what is the percentage of rise in the inflationary rate as a consequence thereof; and

(c) what are the weaknesses/shortcomings, if any, identified by Government in the measures taken so far to contain the rise in the price indices and the manner in which Government propose to check the continuous spiral in the prices of essential commodities and to contain the inflationary trends?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The comparative percentage of rise in the two indices has been as follows:

Percentage Changes in WPI and CPI
(on point to point bases)

	WPI (1970-71-100)	CPI (1960-100)
	1988	1988
January to March .	1.3	0.1
April to Date .	3.4*	2.4*

*Upto 16th July, 1988 (latest)

**Upto May, 1988 (latest)

(b) The annual rate of inflation in WPI as on 16th July, 1988 was 7.7 per cent and in CPI as in May, 1988 it was 9.7 per cent.

(c) The Government has taken a number of measures on a wide front for supply and demand management in order to keep prices under reasonable check. These include steps to increase production, strengthening of Public Distribution System (PDS), import of essential commodities to augment supplies through PDS, economy in expenditure, control on liquidity and action against hoarders and profiteers. The seasonal rise in WPI during the current year so far has been the lowest in the past several years.

Communal Violence in Aurangabad

781. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether communal violence broke out in Aurangabad recently; and